

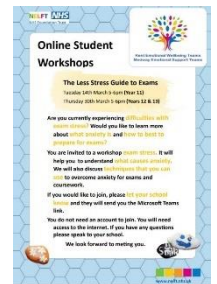
On 28th February, Ellie (13MWH), Busayo (10L) and Amelia (13MWH) took part in the VRU (Violence Reduction Unit) Hope Hack event at the Ashford International Hotel as part of their work with Gifted Young Gravesham. During the event, they worked closely with agencies and organisations to devise strategies that could be used to reduce violence and support victims of violent crime. This was a valuable experience and we are proud of our students for wanting to help support the local community.



Top 3 Star Readers in February: Abeke (8D), Krina (7A), and Bailey (8R). Well done to Krina and Bailey who were also in the top 3 last month. Log on to: eplatform.co to make use of this facility. Could you be next month's star reader?

Thank you to all for supporting the Year 9 Options Marketplace on Wednesday. It was really well attended and busy and pupils found it really helpful. A large number of students in Year 9 also took the opportunity to speak to our Careers Leader, Ms Johnson.

Exploring risks and keeping safe: Years 9, 10 and 11 have been looking at risks around their personal safety when walking alone or at night, crossing roads and being distracted, for example, by their mobile phones. Less stress guide to exams – Online student workshop for students in Years 11-13. If you are interested in attending an online workshop, please see your Learning Leader to sign up and they will send you the link.



The Library will be celebrating World Book Day this week, in conjunction with the English Department. To mark the occasion, we will fill the newly arrived section in the library (on your right as you walk in) with a huge display of books the students suggested during Library inductions. These include series like Rick Riordan's *Heroes of Olympus*, Garth Nix's *Old Kingdom*, Cassandra Clare's *Shadow Hunters*, Jessica Townsend's *Nevermoor*, and many more. There are more brand new Sherlock Holmes and Little Women coming soon as well, amongst others. The Student Librarians deserve once again a special mention for their work, which has hugely increased the speed at which books are being processed and readied for the shelves: thank you!

Looking forward

Monday 6th March

Year 10 Assembly in the Hall (MZR/JMT)

Tuesday 7th March

Year 11 Assembly in the Hall (TL/JMT)

Year 9 Parents' Evening

Wednesday 8th March

Year 13 Assembly in the Hall (CWN/BST)

International Women's Day

Year 7 Football at Cobham Hall

Thursday 9th March

Bake sale in aid of Turkey/Syria earthquake victims

Friday 10th-Monday 13th March

Year 12 Geography field trip

Saturday 11th March

Targeted support for Years 10-13

Monday 13th March

Year 8 Parents' Evening

Tuesday 14th March

'The Tempest' trip

Year 7 Netball District Tournament, 1pm (home)

Year 8 Netball District Tournament, 1pm at DGGS

Wednesday 15th March

Voice in a Million

U18 Netball v. GGS (home)

Thursday 16th March

Year 10 & 11 RE trip to Buddhist temple

Friday 17th-Tuesday 21st March

AL Geography fieldwork

Saturday 18th March

Targeted support for Years 10-13

Tuesday 21st March

Library Advisory Board meeting, p5

Spring Concert, 7-9pm

Assembly theme

This week's Assembly theme: Science and Religion

Science questions *how?* It doesn't address the question *why?* Exploring the debate between creation and 'accident'; how it can be possible to believe that God is the creator whilst accepting modern scientific evidence about the creation of the world and evolutionary theory; how our creativity could be derived from God.

Our School Environment

Please continue to ensure all areas of school are left litter free.

Litter duty: 7L Please collect the litter picks and black sacks from Mrs Kemp's Office by 1.45pm and report to your Learning Leader and staff on the field at the end of lunchtime, 2.15pm.

Lost Property: 7P Please make sure lost property is sorted. Your Sixth Form Prefect should make contact with the form to arrange the day on which the duty will be done.

Water: Please use the water stations around the school at break and lunchtime and remember to bring a bottle each day to minimise use of single use plastic bottles.

House Merits

	Merit	Community	Sport
Atholl	88	91	65
Chadwick	101	87	78
Darnley	77	106	88
Lynton	103	105	85
Penfold	91	84	84
Reekie	88	87	59
Westbrook	100	112	119

The Mayfield Mindset

VESPA: Year 11: Who has already done what you are about to do? It is time to use the time that you have left before you exams effectively and learn from pupils who have been through Year 11 most recently. In groups of 3/4s spend some time brainstorming a set of questions that you would like to ask a Year 12 student – remember your focus is what they did or would have done differently in the last few weeks of Year 11 to prepare for their examinations. A few ideas to get you started:

- How many hours of independent work did they do at this stage of Yr 11?
- How did they use past papers or mark schemes?
- How did they decide what to revise?
- How did they use their teachers for support heading into the test period?
- How did they respond to any setbacks?
- Describe an hour of revision in a particular subject.
- What advice would they give someone in Year 11 at this stage?
- Would you have done anything different to prepare for your examinations if you could do them again?

A group of Year 12 students will visit your form over the next week, use your questions to gain the answers that you need.

Prep: Year 12: We continue to focus on budgeting by exploring how students can manage a set budget at university and why managing a budget can be challenging. We continue to explore why it is important to cultivate 'good' spending habits while still at school.

Year 13: We continue to focus on resilience and how best to prepare for the final examinations.

Students often think that all they need is more time to be successful. However, this needs to be coupled with effective revision strategies and changing their practice to 'perfect practice'.

National Careers Week



National Careers Week runs from the 6th to the 11th of March 2023 and aims to promote the importance of good careers education in schools and colleges. For more information and for interesting

careers related activities and blogs have a look at: www.nationalcareersweek.com

For those of you who might be interested in doing some virtual work experience over the next few months. Do have a look at the following links for further information; you will need to register first:

www.speakersforschools.org www.springpod.com

Currently there are a range of opportunities available covering career areas such as TV and Film, Law, Engineering, Journalism, Psychology and Nursing and Midwifery.

Reminders

Exam Workshops: Grade booster exam workshops are taking place at Vue Cinema, Westfield Stratford City. See the attached poster or scan the code for further details.



Food Notice: The school is proud to support students in their enthusiasm to fundraise for their chosen charities, the most popular way being by cake sales. There are students in school with allergies and we advise that recipes including nuts are avoided. Students should be aware of any allergens in their bakes as this will allow others to make their own safe choices. If you do have allergies we would recommend purchasing foods from the Canteen where items are labelled. Please be mindful when making and bringing baked items into school in order that food is handled safely and hygiene standards are followed.

- Always wash hands when preparing food.
- Ask Canteen staff to keep any cakes or foods containing cream in the fridge.
- Store cakes in a clean, sealable container, away from raw foods.
- When handling cakes use tongs or a cake slice.

Reader's Corner

Wednesday 8th March is International Women's day; a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender equality. This is a great opportunity to reflect on the achievements of our greatest female writers, and to think about female characters in books that have moved and inspired us. Did you know women were not recognized as or legally allowed to become published authors until the late 19th century? As a result, much of their work was unseen, and many women printed and published under male relatives' names, such as George Eliot. Today, women are very much at the forefront of innovative and inspiring literature. Why not look in the Wills Library, or online at our ELibrary for books written by fantastic female authors. Here are our top suggestions as a starting point: Virginia Woolf, Toni Morrison, Charlotte Bronte, JK Rowling, Margaret Atwood, Harper Lee, Agatha Christie, Malorie Blackman, Maya Angelou, Lucy Tan, Anita Desai, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, Doris Lessing, Angela Carter, Sue Townsend, Zadie Smith... to name but a few! Look at <https://www.theguardian.com/books/2021/may/16/how-women-conquered-the-world-of-fiction> for more information on how women writers are becoming more prolific and influential than ever.

16 by 16

Coming soon to the Wills Library: our Mayfield 16 by 16 collection will be available to borrow from the library. Look out for our 16 top recommendations as voted by students and staff alike!

Mayfield Pop Up Book Festival

To commemorate both World Book Day and International Women's Day there will be a display in the Orangery this week featuring some work created by our lower school students dedicated to the joy of reading. Do pop along and have a look- it will 'evolve' over the course of the week as more items will be added to the display each day.

